

**ADJOURNMENT OF THE HOUSE**

**HON KIM CHANCE** (Agricultural - Leader of the House) [9.29 pm]: I move -

That the House do now adjourn.

*Joondalup to Mandurah Freeway - Adjournment Debate*

**HON BARRY HOUSE** (South West) [9.30 pm]: I want to raise two brief issues in the adjournment debate. Because of the freeway, one can now drive between Joondalup and Mandurah without a traffic light. That is of great satisfaction to members on this side of the House as the Court Government contributed much of that road network. As drivers leave the freeway and enter Safety Bay Road, the speed limits in some areas are between 70 kilometres an hour and 80 kilometres an hour. I can see the need for having such limits on the roundabouts in the area but other stretches of the road consist of a magnificent four-lane highway. I question the need for an 80 kilometre an hour limit on that section of the highway in Safety Bay. Of more importance is the Dawesville deviation. The deviation extends from the Dawesville bridge and is one of the most magnificent pieces of roadway in Western Australia. It is a terrific stretch of road and is about 12 kilometres long. It has given many members on this side of the House great pride to know that we were members of the Government that funded and constructed that road. It is a four-lane dual carriageway that has grade separation and two underpasses. It has slip lanes for side roads and has safe pedestrian access and underpasses for the nearby school. It has controlled access on the roads that join it, it is fenced, and it is surrounded by bush and national parkland. The road is controlled by a 90 kilometre an hour limit. It is one of the best pieces of road in the State.

Hon N.F. Moore: The bit that is not a dual carriageway has a speed limit of 110 kilometres an hour.

Hon BARRY HOUSE: It is a ridiculous anomaly. I appeal to the powers that be in Main Roads Western Australia and the responsible minister to have another look at that. There is a very good case for that section of road to have a 110 kilometres an hour limit.

A situation has come to a head in Busselton. I asked a question today about the South Busselton primary school and its staffing formula. The new South Busselton primary school is a very welcome addition to the infrastructure of the Busselton region. It occupied the time and energy of many people over the past year or so and I am pleased to say that the former Government made the commitment to build the school. After some initial doubts, the current Government has reaffirmed the building timetable so that the school is - touch wood - on track to open at the beginning of next year. The site for the school was chosen because of its proximity to other schools and community facilities. There will be a complex that involves the Geographe Leisure Centre. I was involved with the development of the centre over 12 years ago. It was developed on the understanding that there would be shared school and community facilities that incorporated the leisure complex and the five schools that surround the area. The stakeholders in the new South Busselton primary school - it will be called something else - met at the Shire of Busselton's offices on 1 September last year. The plans were laid out on the table and it became obvious immediately that the school buildings were to be situated in a position that would not maximise the sharing of facilities. It was agreed that the architects would redraw the plans and re-position the school so that maximum advantage could be taken of shared facilities such as ovals and hard courts that would link in with the Geographe community centre and other community facilities planned by the Shire of Busselton. Last week I met the principal of the new school and I was horrified to learn that those plans had collapsed, because the Shire of Busselton reneged on its commitment to come to the party for the shared facilities. It is a disgraceful affair and I appeal to Hon Graham Giffard, the parliamentary secretary for education and sport and recreation, and the Minister for Local Government and Regional Development, to take up the issue. I have already asked the minister a question on this. I ask them to make it their business to get the maximum potential from the shared facilities.

Last year, as parliamentary secretary for education, I chaired a working party that was organised through the Ministry of Sport and Recreation. The working party had representatives from the Education Department, the Western Australia Municipal Association and the Ministry of Sport and Recreation. We produced a report entitled "Review of the joint provision and shared use of Sport and Recreation facilities in Western Australia". I have a copy of the report here. It is still an internal document within the Department of Sport and Recreation. It emphasises strongly the need for joint shared use and the development of facilities wherever possible throughout the State in order to obtain the maximum potential. I am in two minds on whether to table the report or throw it in a bin. A lot of work went into the report but most of it has been ignored. All of the principles outlined in the report have been ignored. I point the finger squarely at the Shire of Busselton and not the Department of Education. As a local member based in the area, I have written to the Shire of Busselton. Local members have had regular meetings with the shire to discuss issues although we have had only one this year. I sent an urgent note to the president of the shire requesting another meeting so that we could discuss this issue and retrieve the situation before it is too late. Building on the new school site has only just commenced and it is not too late to

get the maximum potential from a very exciting community and school complex. I will give a copy of the report to Hon Graham Giffard and I hope he takes up the issue and asks some very pointed questions of the Shire of Busselton about why it has reneged on its commitment which will see a fantastic opportunity lost.

Question put and passed.

*House adjourned at 9.39 pm*

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